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Mr. Scott Pfeiffer-reply sent via e-mail to:  
scott\_pfeiffer@grandcanyonresort.com  
Director of Maintenance  
Grand Canyon Resort Corporation

**Re: Approval of Request for Emergency Groundwater Transfer**

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

I am in receipt of your e-mail to me dated January 3, 2008 in which you requested approval to transport groundwater away from a groundwater basin outside of an active management area. Specifically, you wish to transport approximately 16,000 gallons of groundwater per day from Joshua Valley Water Company in Meadview, located in the Meadview Groundwater Basin, to Grand Canyon West on the Hualapai Reservation ("Reservation"), located in the Peach Springs Groundwater Basin. The groundwater will be transported by motor vehicle and will be used to meet the potable water needs of tribal members within the Reservation as well as tourists visiting Grand Canyon West and the skywalk. You state that the only pipeline that supplies water to the Grand Canyon West area has ruptured and that it is not feasible to transport water to that location from within the Peach Springs Groundwater Basin.

After reviewing the facts set forth in your e-mail, I have determined that your request meets all applicable criteria for an emergency groundwater transfer as set forth in Laws 2007, Ch. 149, § 1(B). Therefore, I hereby approve your request, subject to the following conditions:

1. The groundwater may be transported only from Joshua Valley Water Company in Meadview to Grand Canyon West for the potable uses described in your e-mail.
2. The amount of groundwater that may be transported shall not exceed 20,000 gallons per day.
3. This approval is valid only through January 18, 2008. No groundwater shall be transported after that date unless approved in writing by the director of water resources.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Herbert R. Guenther", is written over a horizontal line.

Herbert R. Guenther

HRG:KCS:ckl (posted on [azwater.gov/dwr](http://azwater.gov/dwr) under Hot Topic)  
Enclosure: e-mail from Scott Pfeiffer

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